

List of wind deities

A **wind god** is a god who controls the wind(s). **Air deities** may also be considered here as wind is nothing more than moving air. Many polytheistic religions have one or more wind gods. They may also have a separate air god or a wind god may double as an air god. Sometimes even a water god.

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Africa and the Middle East

Afroasiatic Middle East

Egyptian

- Amun, god of creation and the wind
- Henkhisesui, god of the east wind
- Hutchai, god of the west wind
- Qebui, god of the north wind who appears as a man with four ram heads or a winged ram with four heads
- Shehbui, god of the south wind
- Shu, god of the air

Mesopotamian

- Enlil, the Sumerian god of air, wind, breath, loft
- Ninlil, goddess of the wind and consort of Enlil
- Pazuzu, king of the wind demons, demon of the southwest wind, and son of the god Hanbi

Western Eurasia

Albanian

- Shurdhi, weather god who causes hailstorms and throws thunder and lightning
- Verbti, weather god who causes hailstorms and controls the water and the northern wind

Balto-Slavic

Lithuanian

- Vejopatis, god of the wind according to at least one tradition

Slavic

- Dogoda is the goddess of the west wind, and of love and gentleness.
- Stribog is the name of the Slavic god of winds, sky and air. He is said to be the ancestor (grandfather) of the winds of the eight directions.
- Moryana is the personification of the cold and harsh wind blowing from the sea to the land, as well as the water spirit.
- Varpulis is the companion of the thunder god Perun who was known in Central Europe and Lithuania.

Basque

- Egoi, god of the south wind^[1]

Celtic

- Sídhe or Aos Sí were the pantheon of pre-Christian Ireland. *Sídhe* is usually taken as "fairy folk", but it is also Old Irish for wind or gust.^[2]
- Borrum, Celtic god of the winds

Norse-Germanic

- Kári, son of Fornjót and brother to Ægir and Logi, god of wind, apparently as its personification, much like his brothers personify sea and fire.
- Njord, god of the wind, especially as it concerns sailors
- Odin, thought by some scholars to be a god of the air/breath

Greco-Roman

- Aeolus, keeper of the winds; later writers made him a full-fledged god
- Anemoi, (in Greek, ἄνεμοι—"winds") were the Greek wind gods
 - Boreas, god of the north wind and of winter
 - Eurus, god of the east or southeast wind
 - Notus, god of the south wind
 - Zephyrus, god of the west wind
 - Aparctias, another name for the north wind (not identified with Boreas)

- Apheliotes, god of the east wind (when Eurus is considered southeast)
- Argestes, another name for the west or northwest wind
- Caicias, god of the northeast wind
- Circios or Thraskias, god of the north-northwest wind
- Euronotus, god of the southeast wind
- Lips, god of the southwest wind
- Skeiron, god of the northwest wind
- Aura, the breeze personified
- Aurai, nymphs of the breeze
- Cardea, Roman goddess of health, thresholds, door hinges, and handles; associated with the wind
- Venti, (Latin, "winds") deities equivalent to the Greek Anemoi

Western Asia

Hindu-Vedic

- Maruts, attendants of Indra, sometimes the same as the below group of gods
- Rudra, wind or storm god
- Rudras, followers of Rudra
- Vayu, god of wind

Persian Zoroastarian

- Vayu-Vata, two gods often paired together; the former was the god of wind and the latter was the god of the atmosphere/air.

Uralic

Finnish

- Ilmarinen, blacksmith and god of the wind, weather and air.
- Tuuletar, goddess or spirit of the wind.

Hungarian

- Szélatya, the Hungarian god of wind
- Szélanya, the Hungarian goddess of wind and daughter of the primordial god Kayra
- Zada, keeper of the precious Yada Tashy stone

Sami

- Bieggolmai, unpredictable shovel-wielding god of the summer winds
- Biegkegaellies, god of the winter winds

Asia-Pacific / Oceania

Far East Asia

India

- Vayu, god of the winds and air
- Rudra, Vedic god of storms, winds, and the hunt

Chinese

- Fei Lian, the Chinese wind god; Feng Bo is the human form of Fei Lian
- Feng Po Po, the Chinese wind goddess
- Feng Closa, general of the wind
- Han Zixian, assistant goddess of the wind

Japanese

- Fūjin, the wind god
- Shinatsuhiko, god of the winds
- Susanoo, the god of storms

Korean

- Yondung Halmoni, goddess revered by farmers and sailors

Austronesia

Philippine

- Amihan, the Tagalog and Visayan goddess of the northeast winds. She is also known as Alunsina.
- Anitun Tabu, the fickle-minded ancient Tagalog goddess of wind and rain.
- Apo Angin, the Ilocano god of wind.
- Buhawi, the Tagalog god of whirlwinds and hurricanes' arcs. He is the enemy of Habagat.
- Habagat, the Tagalog god of winds and also referred to as the god of rain, and is often associated with the rainy season. He rules the kingdom of silver and gold in the sky, or the whole Himpapawirin (atmosphere).
- Lihangin, the Visayan god of the wind.
- Linamin at Barat, the goddess of monsoon winds in Palawan.

Polynesian

Hawaiian

- Hine-Tu-Whenua, Hawaiian goddess of wind and safe journeys
- La'a Maomao, Hawaiian god of the wind and forgiveness
- Pakaa, Hawaiian god of the wind and inventor of the sail

Winds of Māui

The Polynesian trickster hero Māui captured or attempted to capture many winds during his travels.

- Fisaga, the gentle breeze, the only wind that Māui failed to capture
- Mata Upola, the east wind
- Matuu, the north wind

Māori

- Hanui-o-Rangi
- Tāwhirimātea, Māori god of weather, including thunder and lightning, wind, clouds, and storms

Native American

North America

Anishinaabe

- Epigishmog, god of the west wind and spiritual being of ultimate destiny

Cherokee

- Oonawieh Unggi, the ancient spirit of the wind

Iroquois

- Da-jo-jo, mighty panther spirit of the west wind
- Gă-oh, spirit of the wind
- Ne-o-gah, cam dubs gentle fawn spirit of the south wind
- O-yan-do-ne, moose spirit of the east wind
- Ya-o-gah, destructive bear spirit of the north wind who is stopped by Gă-oh.

Inuit

- Silap Inua, the weather god who represents the breath of life and lures children to be lost in the tundra

Lakota

- Okaga, fertility goddess of the south winds

- Taku Skanskan, capricious master of the four winds
- Tate, a wind god or spirit in Lakota mythology
- Waziya, giant of the north winds who brings icy weather, famine, and diseases
- Wiyohipeyata, god of the west winds who oversees endings and events of the night
- Wiyohiyanpa, god of the east winds who oversees beginnings and events of the day
- Yum, the whirlwind son of Anog Itē

Navajo

- Niltsi, ally of the Heroic Twins and one of the guardians of the sun god's home.^[3]

Pawnee

- Hotoru, the giver of breath invoked in religious ceremonies^[4]

Central American and the Caribbean

Aztec

- Cihuatecatl, god of the west wind
- Ehecatotontli, gods of the breezes
- Ehecatl, god of wind
- Mictlanpachecatl, god of the north wind
- Tezcatlipoca, god of the night wind and hurricanes
- Tlalocayotl, god of the east wind
- Vitztlampaehecatl, god of the south wind

Mayan

- Huracán, K'iche' Maya creator god of the winds, storms and fire
- Pauhtuns, wind deities associated with the Bacab and Chaac

Taino

- Guabancex, goddess of the wind and hurricanes

South America

Quechua

- Huayra-tata, god of the winds

See also



Statue of Ehecatl, on display at INAH

- Sky god
- Weather god

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